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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St SW
Washington DC 20554

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RE: WC Docket No. 17-97 Call Authentication Trust Anchor

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Friday March 16, 2018, I personally met with Nicholas Degani Senior Counsel to FCC Chairman Pai and communicated earlier by phone with Sherwin Siy and Marilyn Jones of the Wireline Competition Bureau, Ken Carlberg Chief Technologist of the Public Safety Homeland Security Bureau as well as Eric Burger Chief Technology Officer of the FCC. ¹

I stated my concerns that it has become necessary, as soon as practically possible, to establish a Governance Authority [GA] for a United States Call Authentication Trust Anchor [CATA] based on the STIR/SHAKEN framework developed through the joint ATIS SIP Forum NNI Task Force.

I serve on that Task Force. The fundamental documentation on that framework should be completed shortly. The ATIS SIP Forum Task Force is further committed to continuing to work with the Commission and the CATA GA now and in the future.

¹ I am also Chairman of the SIP Forum. Views contained in this letter are purely mine and do not necessarily represent the views of the SIP Forum its member companies and participants. www.sipforum.org. I also serve on the North American Numbering Council [NANC] of the FCC and its CATA and National Number Portability Working Groups.

Though the North American Numbering Council CATA working group has been charged by the Wireline Competition Bureau with considering various selection criterion for the Governance Authority it has not been asked to actually recommend who or what entity would formally establish such a GA. ² That issue needs to be resolved.

The telecommunications industry has from time to time created various governance entities for essential functions the Commission and industry have deemed essential. I stated my opinion that is not the slightest doubt that the industry can come together in an open multi-stakeholder consensus driven process to create the GA and move forward to a selection process for a Policy Authority that could actually operate the Call Authentication Trust Anchor for the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rich Shockey', written in a cursive style.

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Via Email to:

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² http://www.nanc-chair.org/docs/mtg_docs/Dec17_NANC_Referral_Call_Authentication.pdf